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1 1. A method of providing ordered lists of service  
2 addresses, said method comprising:

3           creating an ordered list of service addresses to  
4           be used by a node of a computing environment to reach a  
5           service of said computing environment, said creating  
6           using a predefined equation to order a plurality of  
7           service addresses having the same ordering criterion,  
8           said predefined equation balancing use of said  
9           plurality of service addresses among said node and at  
10          least one other node of said computing environment; and

11          using said ordered list by said node to reach said  
12          service, wherein said ordered list is ordered  
13          specifically for said node.

1           2.    A system of providing ordered lists of service  
2 addresses, said system comprising:

3                   means for creating an ordered list of service  
4 addresses to be used by a node of a computing  
5 environment to reach a service of said computing  
6 environment, said means for creating using a predefined  
7 equation to order a plurality of service addresses  
8 having the same ordering criterion, said predefined  
9 equation balancing use of said plurality of service  
10 addresses among said node and at least one other node  
11 of said computing environment; and

12                   means for using said ordered list by said node to  
13 reach said service, wherein said ordered list is  
14 ordered specifically for said node.

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1           3.    At least one program storage device readable by a  
2 machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of  
3 instructions executable by the machine to perform a method  
4 of providing ordered lists of service addresses, said method  
5 comprising:

6                   creating an ordered list of service addresses to  
7 be used by a node of a computing environment to reach a  
8 service of said computing environment, said creating  
9 using a predefined equation to order a plurality of  
10 service addresses having the same ordering criterion,  
11 said predefined equation balancing use of said  
12 plurality of service addresses among said node and at  
13 least one other node of said computing environment; and

14                   using said ordered list by said node to reach said  
15 service, wherein said ordered list is ordered  
16 specifically for said node.

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